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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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TAGS: OVIP (WARREN BURGER)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHIEF JUSTICE

1. THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S OFFICE HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH FOLLOWING TEXT HIS AUGUST 27 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SMITH.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR DAVID. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 16, I WOULD BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN A VISIT WITH NEWS MEDIA PEOPLE, LIMITED AS YOU OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, EXCLUDE ALL MATTERS EXCEPT THOSE RELATED TO OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND ITS PRESENT FUNCTIONING AND WOULD EXCLUDE DIPLOMATIC OR POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. I HAVE FOLLOWED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATTITUDES IN SWEDEN AND THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN STOCKHOLM AND WASHINGTON IN RECENT YEARS, PARTLY THROUGH MY FAMILIARITY WITH THE SITUATION AND PARTLY THROUGH OTHERS MORE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SWEDEN, SUCH AS BURNETT ANDERSON OF USIA/ PARIS.

4. SOME OF THE MATERIAL THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT IS COVERED BY THE LECTURE I CONTEMPLATE GIVING AT STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY. A COPY OF THAT LECTURE IS BEING SENT TO YOU AIR MAIL TODAY. I BELIEVE THE VISIT WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THAT YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMEND SHOULD BE HELD AT THE EMBASSY AND LIMITED, AS YOU SUGGESTED, TO A SMALL NUMBER. THE PRESENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHERS IS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE. HAVING IN MIND THE PENDANCY OF AN ELECTION IN SWEDEN, I WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY EXPRESSION OF VIEWS CONCERNING SWEDEN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT YEARS.

5. I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO THE SWEDISH DESK OFFICER MY WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK TO THE EMBASSY STAFF. I ASSUME YOU WILL WORK OUT THE TIMING WITH THE SCHEDULE YOU AND CHIEF JUSTICE NORDSTROM HAVE WORKED OUT. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN A WEEK'S TIME. CORDIALLY.

WARREN BURGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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